



The Fight of Your Life

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Romans 8:1-17 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

MESSAGE NOTES

THE FIGHT OF YOUR LIFE

1. There's a battle.

The SPIRIT

The FLESH

It's a battle for life.

Verses 6 and 13.

2. We're on the winning side.

The new Law of the Spirit (verse 2)

Advantage 1: Christ has defeated the power of sin.

Verse 3

Advantage 2: Christ empowers us through his Spirit.

Verse 13

3. We must join the battle.

Tuning

Verse 5

Galatians 5:19-23; Romans 12:2

Trusting

Verse 10, 13

And so...

GOING DEEPER

We want to encourage you to invest more time into the book of Romans. Like we said, we won't be looking at EVERYTHING in Romans but we will be looking at ENOUGH. Here are some ways for you to go deeper into Romans:

Pray about what you learned today.

If God spoke to you today, find a quiet space and take the time to respond to God in prayer.

Huddle up with some friends.

Join with one of our Home Groups that is going through Romans. Email micah@thecrosspointchurch.ca to learn how to join a group.

Do a deeper Bible Study.

You can access our Home Group study for the week at thecrosspointchurch.ca/notes. Do the "Deeper in the Word" session for yourself.

Read through the entire book of Romans.

In fact, we encourage you to do it a few times, in different translations. Not sure what translations to use? Try the NIV, ESV, NLT, NASB, and The Message. If you need more translations of the Bible you can access them [here](#).

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1&version=ESV>

Watch the Bible Project's "Romans" video on YouTube.

Check out the first of two videos [here](#).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej_6dVdJSIU

Read "Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part One" by N.T. Wright as you go through the series.

You can order a copy [here](#).

https://www.amazon.ca/Paul-Everyone-Romans-Pt-1/dp/0664227996/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=paul+for+everyone%3A+romans+part+one&qid=1610250858&sr=8-1

Take the free Biblical Training online course with biblical scholar Douglas Moo.

Sign up for the course [here](#).

https://www.biblicaltraining.org/romans/douglas_moo

Read and pray through Romans in 31 days.

These don't need to be consecutive days! You can find a helpful guide [here](#).

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/an-easy-and-powerful-31-day-plan-to-pray-through-romans.html>